

## **Foreman's Report September 8 thru October 5, 2012**

The grader has suffered a major breakdown, as a cylinder sleeve cracked that allowed anti-freeze in that consequently broke the piston and allowed the engine to overheat resulting in massive engine damage, and will cost approximately \$18,000 to repair. Since there really is no alternative, I have allowed Nortrax to go ahead and order the parts and conduct the engine rebuild. The grader has over 4500 hours on it.

The Winter Transportation Building also suffered a breakdown, so to speak, as a pipe nipple just off the pressure tank corroded and sprang a leak that went undetected for some time, until Arnie happened to find it. This caused the meeting room, office and bathroom to flood up to the door threshold height (roughly ½" to 1"). The water wicked up the sheetrock, so it was necessary to take the floor molding off. We contacted our insurance company and a claims adjuster came up immediately. He suggested replacing the bottom foot of sheetrock, all the tile flooring and the plastic molding. When he and I first inspected the damage, it seemed that some tiles were loose, but after closer scrutiny with Scott, then Ludlow and then Tibbs we all came to the same conclusion that the floor tile is adequate and can be left in place. After back and forth with the claims adjuster, he insists on settling the claim with enough dollars to cover the replacement of the tile. I am going to have Merrill give this portion of the WTB a good cleaning, and after we slow down, Scott will replace plastic molding. I hired Brown Plumbing (BBTP plumbing contractor) to fix the pipe nipple and make sure boiler is not damaged, and should be done by meeting time.

### **Big Bay Town Park**

For the town crew it has pretty much been all about park project. The boardwalk is coming along nicely and is nearly 2/3 completed. The rest of the crew has been working on the new entrance area, installing new culverts, erosion control, supplying rock for the fireplace and pillars and assisting our contractor, Arnie Mackey, with the picnic shelter, comfort station and the new small bathroom at the end of the existing campground loop, with all the foundations in. As soon as the first boardwalk is done we will be starting the woodshed.

The notice for drilling a new well at the park has and is being published as a Class II notice with the bid opening at the scheduled budget meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

I am working on some items with the plumbing and electrical contractors outside of the Arnie Mackey contract, such as a new water fountain, water lines and adjusting of existing electrical service.

As an FYI, I met with Ben Bergey, DNR Superintendent of Big Bay State Park, and we walked the boardwalk. He said he would work strive to have the remaining 1000 feet of boardwalk completed in 2014, thus spanning the whole length of Big Bay beach.

With spending many hours at the park since we began construction after Labor Day, I have been amazed on the volume of visitors to the beach and park, and all the words of encouragement and appreciation concerning the improvements.

Respectfully Submitted

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